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Applicant:

Wendell A. Gurtler

Serial No.

10/810,969

Filed:

March 26, 2004

For:

TRAILER HITCH CUSHION DEVICE AND METHOD

FOR USING SAME

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

2. Applicant is

a small entity

other than a small entity.

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